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LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The Public Hall Enterprise.

(To The Citizen.)

Your recent suggestion that the two banks in Bloomfield should act together in any designs for new buildings and should plan to include a public hall, is a timely one, and might be carried still further, profitably for the banks as well as for the town. If a building could be erected in a central location, easily accessible from all sides, remote from other buildings so as to be secure from danger by fire, and of creditable appearance, arranged to accommodate not only the banks and a public hall, but a post office, town office and lodge rooms, it would, without much doubt, be rented to permanent tenants, for all except the hall, which would doubtless be in great demand and afford a fair income also. Such a location exists at the junction of Broad and Franklin streets just south of the Green, and such a building as has been indicated at this point, would add not only to the beauty of the town but to its public spirit, in which Bloomfield appears to be lamentably deficient, to some extent, probably, because of the very lack of a suitable place for public gatherings of any kind. It seems probable that the scheme for incorporating the town will be adopted in the near future, and that its officers will require better accommodations than can be found over a stable.

The present buildings in the Centre of the town are a disgrace to it, and no one approaching it from the D. L. A. W. R. R. depot would be favorably impressed or have an exalted idea of its desirability or beauty as a place of residence. These things tell. On the line of the Central R. R. of N. J., great attention is paid to improve the vicinity of depots, and hosts of people have been attracted thereby and have built many thriving towns along its line in spite of the fact that there is scarcely a spot on that road from New York to Plainfield that will compare in any respect with Bloomfield.

The indifference of this town with regard to improvements of any kind has been such as to convey the impression that new comers were unwelcome. Of course the people of Bloomfield have no right to dictate to the banks in respect to the kind of a building they shall erect, or its location, but if it can be made apparent that deference to public opinion is likely to be profitable, and that such a structure as has been spoken of will meet a public need and can be made remunerative as an investment, and would at the same time add to that popularity which all institutions must seek after to achieve success, doubtless these banks would consult their own interest in complying with the views thus advanced.

E. A. S.

Temperance Work.

(To The Citizen.)

The Gospel Temperance Meeting of Sabbath afternoon last in the Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium was of more than usual interest. The exercises were conducted by the Rev. Chas. A. Cook of the Baptist Church. In the opening he made some earnest remarks concerning the secret character of the saloon work and of the dangerous influence of the saloon keepers, especially the billiard room and the dance-house.

Mr. Samuel Crump, who was present, was invited to address the meeting and he did so in a most successful manner, his words being well received by the audience.

Mr. Crump said in effect, that the saloon closing movement in Montclair commenced in much such a manner. They had been praying for several years for God to close the saloons on Sunday, but little had been accomplished until one gentleman said to them what it all amounted

to; it seemed like insulting God to ask Him to enforce the laws and they do nothing toward it themselves. After some discussion they concluded to see what prayer and works together would do, and no wily practical had succeeded in securing a Christian Sabbath. But it was a long fight and a strong fight, hard work and dirty work, for it was only in such a way that such a vile influence could be overcome, and they did not dare to cease work nor to cease their vigilance for as soon as they did the drink traffic would take advantage of it.

He further said they had fought the saloon element in term after term of Court. It did no good to go for one or two terms. The Courts are largely dominated by the liquor interests. They had never accomplished all they tried for but had usually gained about one third. He had seen the times when if some one had been in attendance at the Court from Bloomfield much could have been accomplished in checking the granting of licenses and crippling saloons here.

Mr. Crump further said he believed it was necessary to provide means to offset the attractions of the saloon. This had been of assistance to the work in Montclair and he believed it was a feature worthy the consideration of the W. C. T. U. and the Y. M. C. A. in their respective works.

The speaker had observed the high license laws of the west with interest, and had come to the conclusion that they made those who had license policemen, to see that the law was enforced, and he found it a good deal easier to watch five saloons than fifty. But with the present conditions, high license is an improvement on what we now have. He further said that Montclair was interested in the prosperity of Bloomfield and especially in the success of this Sunday closing movement and anything that would curtail the liquor traffic.

Mr. Crump's remarks were listened to with close attention, and at their close suggestions were made that Montclair and Bloomfield join hands in this matter.

WOMAN AND HOME.

SOME PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS ON ARTISTIC DRESSING.

How One Woman Made Money—The Benefits from Keeping Lists—Some Hints on Keeping the House Cool—Items About Women of the Past and Present.

To Keep Cool.
But some of us ask "How can I keep my house cool when I have such small rooms, and must have a fire?" Buy an alcohol stove, you can accomplish wonders with it, and see if all the family are not cooler for it. Study the ventilation of your rooms. An awning over a very sunny window or door will add greatly to your comfort. A piazza chair, and a hammock, or a swing, together with a few vines, will make a charming place of your unused piazza, or even of your porch.

Enlist the other members of the household in your plans for family comfort and coolness. You will be surprised at the happiness they will feel as from time to time they compare their share, perhaps a quaint or rare fan, a Japanese screen or some piece of bric-a-brac for "home."

During the warm days try to have at each meal one very tempting, cool dish. Fruit is best for breakfast. Rice pudding, also those of tapioca, or gelatine, which have been set until cold are delicious. Decorated with flowers and green leaves, the table is far more attractive than if left unadorned. Have some flowers in each room if possible. It will rest you to look at them.

Even a clean towel if you have no light tidies spread over the bright cover of the rocking chair invites one to take a seat by its very suggestion of comfort and coolness. Make the best of what you have, and use everything to the best advantage. Let home be just as cool and inviting as you can make it, and ere you are aware summer with its warm days will have passed—Ruth H. Nettleship.

Rich Women in Plain Attire.

Some of the richest women are the least extravagant in their clothes, as is the case, for example, with old Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt, who does not spend above \$1,000 a year, and the late Mrs. Gould, who spent \$2,500 in dress. The late Mrs. A. T. Stewart was a fortune to the dressmakers, who put away \$5,000 or \$10,000 a year on her furnishings. When she died and an inventory of her effects was taken her great white muslin of a house on Fifth avenue was found to be overruled with the most marvelous amount of clothes, lace, furs, bonnets and jewels, most of them very youthful in appearance, though she was over 70 years of age.

Mrs. Astor dresses with a solemn, handsome expensiveness at the cost of \$4,000 or \$5,000 a year, and all of the younger Vanderbils, who spend a great deal of money on their clothes. Mrs. George Gould, who has been the quietest and most careful of women since her marriage, spends money like water when it comes to a question of clothes, and must put a good \$10,000 a year in the hands of the dressmakers. Her dressmaker, by the way, is a woman who had a good deal of social position, but who, when financial misfortunes came, followed the example English women of rank have set of late years, and went into the milliner's business.—New York Cor. Chicago News.

Smiles When She Speaks.

The power of unconscious influence was illustrated recently by a little incident that occurred in eastern Massachusetts.

house returned before the rest of the family, and the man told her that a lady had been there who said she would call again. "Who was it?" inquired Mrs. H. "Oh, I don't know her name," replied the man.

"But you should have asked her," said Mrs. H. "So you should know who had been here. Can't you tell me anything by which I can tell who came? Where was she?" "I don't know," said the man, "but she's the one that always smiles when she speaks." The pleasant look and the courteous manner in which this lady had spoken to the servant had been noticed and remembered, leaving a sunbeam in that man's heart.

Let us each remember that religion is recommended by the way in which we treat even the servants. The command, "Be courteous," reaches to all with whom we have to do.—The Congregationalist.

A Woman Lawyer.

In New York women are allowed to practice at the bar, but the legal schools are not open to them, while in Zurich they are free to study law alongside the men and are admitted to all the legal degrees, but find endless obstacles in the way of establishing a practice after they have graduated. And Dr. Kumpke, having graduated with honors, found it necessary to come to New York to make a practice for herself. Being a graduate of another university, the University of New York was obliged to admit her to their lectures, where she has familiarized herself with American law, having been perfectly familiar with the language before she arrived, and is now prepared to teach in the new school. She is already beginning to build up a practice here, and the Swiss in New York come to her to have their wills drawn up and to get advice on questions of international law.—New York World.

A Woman as a Sexton.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that the sexton of one of Louisville's largest cemeteries is a woman—Mrs. Shelby—who, since the death of her husband, in 1855, has had sole charge of St. John's cemetery, located at Twenty-sixth and St. Cecilia streets. There are now 13,000 dead resting in this graveyard, the first grave in which was dug by Mrs. Shelby's husband. The lady was born in Ireland, married there, but came to the United States in 1865. She attends to all the duties of the position, keeps her own books, records, etc., in a thorough and systematic manner, and has achieved a most creditable success and made hosts of friends. She has a family of five children, one of whom, a daughter, is married. Mrs. Shelby attends to her duties faithfully, though suffering from the effects of a lightning stroke received some time since. She is the only woman sexton in this city or state, as far as known, and one of the very few in this country.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Way Royalty Eats.

In Italy, the court dines around a table covered with a magnificent service in gold; it is the only luxury there are no flowers, and the dishes of the country are invariably served—above all, the fritto, composed of a foundation of artichokes, liver, brains and cocks' combs. At the German court, the finest table is that of the grand duchess of Baden; she has an excellent French cuisine and a Parisian chef. The queen of Sweden has a very tempting table and bill of fare—soups, almost always milk and vegetable; one of her favorite dishes is composed of balls of mince meat, cooked with oil and surrounded with a garnishing of poached eggs; then there is almost at each repast the national plate, salmon preserved in earth. Queen Victoria's favorite wine is pale sherry, which she drinks from a beautifully carved silver cup, inherited from Queen Anne. The royal dinner is very complete. The table is lighted with gold candelabra, furnished with candles, orchids, placed in vases, rise up to the ceiling. The queen uses a special bread, square, well cooked and of a rustic color.—Exchange.

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